water bodies, increased credit flow and sector-specific initiatives to improve growth of the industry and service sectors.

(c) The measures to reduce infrastructure constraints include promoting increased investment opportunities, higher public investment and public-private partnership for development of infrastructure sectors like roads, railways, ports and airports. The tax reform measures are aimed at fiscal consolidation through the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, rationalisation of direct and indirect taxes.

(d) Since agriculture contributes about 21 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), growth of the farm sector is important to achieve high growth. The output of the agriculture sector in India is to a considerable extent dependent on widespread and good monsoon.

Misuse of funds allotted to NGOs

662. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Accountants General at their annual meeting held in New Delhi on September 22, 2005 expressed serious concern about misuse, abuse and misappropriation of funds and resources allotted to the Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) for various Government schemes;

(b) if so, the precise observations and suggestions made by the Accountants General at the meeting; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to prevent such abuse of resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir. In the recommendations of the Conference of Accountants General held on 20-22 September, 2005, misuse, abuse or misappropriation of funds do not find specific mention.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Task Force on Rural Co-operatives

663. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Chief Ministers was called in September, 2005 to consider implementation of the recommendations of the Task